

MPY-5019
5 March 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report -- Paraguay Bureau -- February 1985

I. GENERAL

STAT A. Speaking for Ambassador Davis, DCM Dan Clare asked the bureau to translate from English into Spanish the Paraguay section of the annual State Department human rights report. The 60-page document was translated by bureau monitors [redacted] Unlike last year when the now banned newspaper ABC COLOR published the text of the document, the local media reported sparingly on the Paraguayan section, usually ignoring any of the critical comments on human rights. The Embassy made available the Spanish translation to interested persons, organizations, and media in the country.

B. A long overdue cost of living pay increase was approved for local employees effective 3 February. With the local inflation rate increasing 20-30 percent over the past 12-18 months, the across-the-board increase of 12.47 percent plus an additional 7,560 guaranies for each employee was, as expected, much appreciated.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. In Bolivia the precarious politico-economic situation further deteriorated. On the 9th the currency was devalued by over 400 percent; many private banks were closed for long periods during the month due to disputes with workers; and paper currency became the country's third largest import, behind wheat and mining equipment. In addition to many strikes and stoppages declared by the Bolivian Labor Confederation, that organization has taken over also numerous governmental functions in the supply and distribution of goods and staples.

2. Assistant Secretary of State Langhorne A. Motley's visit to Chile 17-20 February highlighted events in the country during the month. The visit, the highest-level visit by a U.S. official to the country in some years, was evidently very carefully covered by the Chilean domestic service and other media, whose accounts differed from international press agency reporting on the more sensitive issues -- human rights and the political situation. The government experienced a cabinet reshuffle during

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the month in which Interior Minister Jarpa was replaced by little known Ricardo Garcia Rodriguez. At the same time, Finance Minister Luis Escobar, considered a Jarpa protégé, was replaced by former Planning Minister Herman Bucci.

3. Argentina may be witnessing the end of a united Peronist political movement. Bitter infighting for the leadership of the Peronist movement led to separate congresses and two sets of leadership. At month's end Mrs. Peron, who is resident in Spain, washed her hands of Peronism, telegraphing her resignation from the party presidency. President Alfonsin accepted the resignation of Economy Minister Grinspun and Central Bank President Vazquez apparently because of personality clashes within the economic team. The shakeup, announced on the 18th, does not appear to presage any substantial change in policy.

4. Brazil launched its first satellite, BRASILSAT I, on the 8th from the European space launch facility in French Guiana. Although the footpath for the satellite is reportedly a spot beam intended for Brazil, Panama Bureau will attempt to use its ROSET to cruise out the satellite after it becomes operational sometime in March or April.

5. In mid-month the Uruguayan Congress met for the first time in 11 years. The presidency of the republic passed to the Supreme Court president when the president of the military regime, Gregorio Alvarez, resigned to avoid having to cede power to democratically elected President Julio Sanguinetti on 1 March.

6. The bureau's long awaited hookup for the Paris AFP Spanish service carried by satellite took place on 26 February. The bureau will revert to the SOP that existed prior to the break in the RTT service at the beginning of the year -- covering our own area, backstopping Panama Bureau, and filing immediate and flash materials as warranted for other areas.

7. On the 21st, REUTER-LATIN representatives from Buenos Aires visited the bureau to see if we were interested in again subscribing to the service, which will be available in Asuncion sometime in March. They offered to let the bureau sample the service before we make a decision. The two representatives, Raul Correa, sales manager for the Southern Cone, and Graham Spencer, markets manager for Latin America, claimed the agency is reentering the Cone market in a "big way," expanding the corps of correspondents and stringers and beefing up LATIN's headquarters in Buenos Aires.

B. Cruising

The Bolivian frequency occupancy survey was completed during the month and wirefiled to Headquarters. Work has begun on the Peruvian survey.

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C. Technical

1. The bureau received four of the GE transceivers, and some of the ancillary equipments, that were damaged earlier in shipment to the bureau and had been returned to Headquarters for inspection, replacement and/or repair.

2. One modified Frederick tape reader Model 1403 SN 18221 was shipped to London Bureau.

3. The first preventive maintenance of the year was carried out at the Antelco remote antenna field by the bureau's contractor.

4. Work has started on installing a long-wire antenna at the Antelco remote antenna field to improve reception of Argentine and Uruguayan transmitters, particularly in the mediumwave band.

III. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

1. During the month the Embassy's formal approval for the bureau's new associate editor's position was forwarded to the Department. The bureau now awaits the final go-ahead from FBIS Headquarters before the local recruitment can begin. ?

2. The bureau recruitment effort to hire a new monitor to replace [redacted], who is on a year's LWOP until January 1986, began at month's end. The bureau is recruiting for the first time at the FBN-07 level, sted of -06 level -- another step forward in implementing the overall restructuring of the bureau's T/O with the adoption of the FBN system.

IV. VISITS

The bureau chief to the States 20-26 February on EVT to attend the funeral of a brother.

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Chief, FBIS Paraguay Bureau

CC: Chief, Panama Bureau

Attachment: Monthly Production Report

PARAGUAY BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1985

<u>TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:</u>			258,230
TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING THE MONTH:			197,000
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING THE MONTH:			61,230
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING THE MONTH:			589
	<u>BROAD-CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCY</u>	<u>PUBLIC-ATIONS</u>
I. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u>	8,735 {min}	39,360 {min}	135.00 {issues}
II. <u>OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:</u>			
<u>ARGENTINA</u>			
Buenos Aires Domestic Service in Spanish	3,370		
Buenos Aires Argentina Televisora Color Network in Spanish	150		
Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish		20,550	
Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish		19,310	
Buenos Aires DYN in Spanish		6,420	
Buenos Aires BUENOS AIRES HERALD in English			14,760
Buenos Aires CLARIN in Spanish			130
Buenos Aires GENTE in Spanish			0
Buenos Aires LA NACION in Spanish			1,120
Buenos Aires LA PRENSA in Spanish			2,270
Buenos Aires AMBITO FINANCIERO in Spanish			1,450
<u>BOLIVIA</u>			
La Paz Radio Illimani Network in Spanish	1,900		
La Paz Cadena Panamericana in Spanish	11,400		
La Paz EL DIARIO in Spanish			400
La Paz PRESENCIA in Spanish			1,410

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	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCY</u>	<u>PUBLIC- ATIONS</u>
<u>BRAZIL</u>			
Brasilia Domestic Service in Portuguese	1,830		
Porto Alegre Radio Guaiba in Portuguese	400		
Sao Paulo Radio Bandeirantes Network in Portuguese	1,180		
Sao Paulo Radio Bandeirantes in Portuguese	5,280		
Rio de Janeiro JORNAL DO BRASIL in Portuguese			4,480
Rio de Janeiro LATIN AMERICA DAILY POST in English			1,270
Rio de Janeiro MANCHETE in Portuguese			0
Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese			2,170
Sao Paulo FOLHA DE SAO PAULO in Portuguese			8,310
Sao Paulo O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO in Portuguese			2,920
Sao Paulo VEJA in Portuguese			0
<u>CHILE</u>			
Santiago Domestic Service in Spanish	16,820		
Santiago Radio Chilena in Spanish	1,580		
Santiago COSAS in Spanish			0
Santiago EL MERCURIO in Spanish			430
Santiago HOY in Spanish			0
Santiago LA TERCERA DE LA HORA in Spanish			670
Santiago QUE PASA in Spanish			0
<u>CHINA</u>			
Beijing in Spanish to Latin America	0		

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	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCY</u>	<u>PUBLIC- ATIONS</u>
<u>FRANCE</u>			
PARIS AFP in Spanish		4,270	
<u>PARAGUAY</u>			
Asuncion Domestic Service in Spanish	1,270		
Asuncion Radio Primero de Marzo in Spanish	290		
Asuncion Red Privada de Teledifusora Paraguaya Television in Spanish	0		
Asuncion EL DIARIO NOTICIAS in Spanish			
Asuncion HOY in Spanish			240
Asuncion PATRIA in Spanish			90
Asuncion SENDERO in Spanish			2,050
Asuncion ULTIMA HORA in Spanish			250
Asuncion EL PUEBLO in Spanish			870
			0
<u>PERU</u>			
Lima Domestic Service in Spanish	1,060		
Lima Television Service in Spanish	120		
Lima Cadena Panamericana Television in Spanish	4,570		
Lima Television Lima in Spanish	240		
Lima Radioprogramas del Peru in Spanish	460		
Lima OAY-47 Television Service in Spanish	650		
Lima Radio del Pacifico in Spanish	1,260		
<u>SPAIN</u>			
MADRID EFE in Spanish		24,070	

	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCY</u>	<u>PUBLIC- ATIONS</u>
<u>UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS</u>			
Moscow in			
Portuguese to Brazil	0		
Moscow in			
Spanish to Latin America	600		
Moscow in			
Spanish to Chile	12,860	✓	
Moscow in			
Spanish to Cuba	0		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in			
Spanish to Latin America	500		
Moscow Radio Magallanes in			
Spanish to Chile	2,200		
<u>URUGUAY</u>			
Montevideo Radio El Espectador Network in			
Spanish	1,740		
Montevideo Radio Carve in			
Spanish	3,980		
Montevideo Domestic Service in			
Spanish	890		
Montevideo EL DIA in			
Spanish			
Montevideo OPINAR in			530
Spanish			0